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(iii) The main correspondence in the State is conducted in English and while that is so, appeals, etc., may continue to be presented in English."

Minimum wages of beedi workers.

* *Short Notice Question No.* 23.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I have given notice of a short notice question regarding the minimum wages of beedi workers and the Hon. Minister for Labour is prepared to answer it."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it, I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" May I read the question first and then answer."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Yes, he may do it."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question is—

' Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have called for a Conference of Beedi and Cigar Factory owners in the State and the representatives of the labour unions in those factories at Fort St. George on 16th August 1955 with a view to bring in legislation and to fix minimum wages for the industry; and

(*b*) if so, the decision taken by the Government in the matter? '

" The answer is—

' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

' (*b*) The views of the various interests were heard and they would be considered before taking a final decision in the matter.' "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* ELECTION OF A NEW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I have received notice of a privilege motion from the hon. Member, Sri Narayana Kurup, regarding the election of a new Speaker. I want to take up this Motion at the next sitting of the House. If the hon. Members want some information in respect of it, I can ask the Hon. the Leader of the House to give it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the point is this. Mr. Kurup has given notice of a privilege motion saying that a breach of the privilege of the House has occurred regarding the